

Application Serial No. 10/823,868
Amendment dated September 8, 2005
Response to Office Action of August 31, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to an Office Action dated August 31, 2005. Claims 1-46 were originally pending in this application, all of which were allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-9, 14, 19, 22-25, 30, 33-36, 41, 44-46 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully maintain that the amendments have been made without prejudice to address phraseology and antecedent basis issues raised by the Examiner in the interest of expediting prosecution and do not limit or narrow the scope of the claims in any way.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-46.

Phraseology and Antecedent Basis Corrections

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested correction of claims 1, 3-9, 14, 19, 22-25, 30, 33-36, 41, 44-46 to address phraseology or antecedent basis of certain claim terms. By this Amendment, and without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's comments, claims 1, 3-9, 14, 19, 22-25, 30, 33-36, 41, 44-46 have been amended in accordance with the Examiners suggestions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully maintain that this application is in condition for allowance.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding issues have been addressed and are now either overcome or moot. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,



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